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The Honorable P. Kevin Castel United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

> Re: <u>United States v. Ramon Ramirez</u>, S1 19 Cr. 395 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

The Government respectfully submits this letter pursuant to the District's COVID-19 protocols in order to request that the parties be permitted to appear for the April 1, 2020 bail hearing by telephone. The Government has conferred with Matthew Kluger, Esq., counsel to defendant Ramon Ramirez, and he joins in the Government's request. Further, Mr. Kluger waives the defendant's appearance under Rule 43(b)(3). For the Court's awareness, the Government intends to submit a written opposition to the defendant's bail application in advance of the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

GEOFFREY S. BERMAN United States Attorney

Based upon the representation that defendant has waived his presence, the application to proceed telephonically is GRANTED.

The call-in information is as follows: Call-in Number: (888) 363-4749

Access Code: 3667981

SO ORDERED. March 27, 2020.

> P. Kevin Castel United States District Judge

by: /s/

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